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SUBJ: CIEC: FIRST REPORT FROM SWISS DELEGATION IN COLOMBO

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR JOLLES HAS SHARED WITH US THE CONTENTS OF A REPORT FROM THE SWISS DELEGATION AT COLOMBO ON CIEC-RELATED MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR JOLLES ASKED THE PL/ECON COUNS TO CALL, IN ORDER TO SHARE WITH US INFORMATION THE SWISS DELGATION AT COLOMBO HAS PICKED UP ON CIEC RELATED MATTERS. JOLLES STRESSED THAT THE DELGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO NOTHING WHICH MIGHT IMPINGE ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CANADIAN EFFORTS TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE JULY IMPASSE. THE SWISS DELEGATION HAS BEEN ASKED TO GATHER INFORMATION ON LDC POSITIONS, TO TRY TO IMPRESS UPON THE LDC'S PARTICIPATING IN THE CIEC THE IMPORTANCE AND USEFULNESS OF CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE, AND TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US AND CANADIAN MISSIONS IN COLOMBO.

3. THE SWISS DELEGATION HAS REPORTED TO BERN ON THE BASIS OF THE CONTACTS IT HAS MADE SO FAR. THE REPORT STRESSED FOUR POINTS:

A. THERE SEEMS TO BE A GENUINE DESIRE AMONG THE 19 TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO CONSENSUS ON THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE 19 SHOULD AGREE TO RESUME COMMISSION SESSIONS.

B. THERE IS GREAT CONCERN AMONG SOME OF THE 19 THAT THE ISSUE OF DEBT MAY HAVE BEEN PUSHED SO HARD THAT THE IMPRESSION HAS BEEN CREATED THAT ALL OTHER ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATED TO COMMODITIES, ARE MUCH LESS IMPORTANT. THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE FROM MANY OF THE 19 TO TAKE STEPS TO CORRECT THIS
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IMPRESSION AND TO RE-EMPHASIZE COMMODITIES.

C. PEREZ-GUERRERO IS TRYING TO KEEP CIEC OUT OF THE OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO AVOID DRAMATIZING THE ISSUES, AVOID A CRYSTALLIZATION OF VIEWS AND MAINTAIN AS MUCH FLEXIBILITY AS HE CAN.

D. SOME DELEGATIONS ARE DISCUSSING DATES FOR THE
DECEMBER MINISTERIAL, ARGUING THAT THEY SHOULD BE
BROUGHT FORWARD IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO
PUT THE ISSUES BEFORE THE UNGA AND ENABLE THE UNGA
TO COMMENT ON THEM.

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